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Responsive to the Office Action and Restriction Requirement mailed July 20, 2005, applicant elects Species B, Figs. 33-35, with traverse.

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Examiner has identified separate species in: (A) Figs. 14-17; and (B) Figs. 33-35. Responsive to the restriction requirement, applicant has elected Species B, Figs. 33-35, with traverse.

Reconsideration and removal of the restriction requirement is respectfully requested. Applicant believes that the application may be most efficiently examined if all groups identified by the Examiner were searched and examined at one time, and such action is earnestly solicited, MPEP 803.

Responsive to the Examiner's requirement, the following is a listing of all claims readable on the elected species, namely claims 1-35. In support of this identification, and to facilitate examination, the independent claims are set forth below and supporting disclosure reference numerals are included in parenthesis, to facilitate review.

1. A multi-stage filter (110a, Figs. 14-17; 402, Figs. 33-35) comprising an upstream prefilter element (80; 414) and a downstream main filter element (112a; 402), said main